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COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

February 25, 2011

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Phoenix, AZ**

10:00 a.m. Call to Order ~ *President David Tenney*

A) State Budget Update

B) Legislative Bills for Discussion and Consideration

- 1) [SB 1609](#) retirement systems; plan design (*Yarbrough*)
- 2) [HB 2726](#) public retirement systems; plan design (*Adams*)
- 3) [SB 1307](#) public right-of-way; political signs (*Allen*)
- 4) [SB 1490](#) food service workers; authorized presence (*Gould*)
- 5) [SB 1278](#) county assessors; permanent retrieval fund (*Allen*)

C) Update of CSA-sponsored Bills

- 1) [HB 2197](#) charter schools; age restricted communities (*Lesko*)
[SB 1174](#) charter schools; age restricted communities (*Crandall*)
- 2) [HB 2231](#) public defenders; probate court; reimbursement (*Goodale*)
[HB 2372](#) conservatorships; guardianships; county reimbursement (*Ash*)
- 3) [HB 2236](#) political subdivisions; sharing revenue information (*Goodale*)
- 4) [HB 2285](#) inmate credit; imprisonment; fine reduction (*McLain*)
- 5) [HB 2318](#) transportation authorities; regional and public (*Jones*)
- 6) [HB 2319](#) counties; primitive roads; maintenance (*Jones*)
- 7) [SB 1186](#) 2011 tax correction act (*Yarbrough*)
- 8) [SB 1278](#) county assessor; permanent retrieval fund (*Allen*) (*Co-sponsored with AACo*)
- 9) [SB 1362](#) flood control structures (*Antenori*)
- 10) [SB 1427](#) flood control dist; construction projects (*Nelson*)
- 11) [SB 1428](#) counties; employment of contractors; bids (*Nelson*)

D) Other Business

E) Next Meeting Date and Time (*Friday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.*)

F) Adjourn

LPC Bills for Consideration
CSA Legislative Policy Committee Meeting
February 25, 2011 (9:00 a.m.)

Bill Number	Short Title	Description	Comment
<i>Legislative Bills for Discussion</i>			
<u>SB 1609</u>	RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; PLANS; PLAN DESIGN (YARBROUGH)	Makes various changes in retirement plans to reduce costs to employers and to the plans. For the Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) many of the changes take effect for any person elected, re-elected or retained on or after Jan 1, 2012. All members of EORP and PSPRS must make contributions to their retirement plan according to a schedule established in this act. An alternate contribution rate is established for retired members of any of the plans who return to work. Permanent increases in retirement benefits are limited. Much more. Severability. Some provisions are effective retroactive to June 29 or June 30, 2011.	Amended by Senate Finance
<u>HB 2726</u>	RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; PLAN DESIGN (ADAMS)	Various changes to the plan design of all four state retirement systems, including: changing eligibility criteria for normal retirement; repealing COLAs; eliminating early retirement and reducing retirement calculators for members of the Elected Officials Retirement System (EORP); eliminating the Deferred Retirement Option Plan election and increasing member contributions for members of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS); eliminating refunds of contributions made by members of EORP, PSPRS and the Corrections Officers Retirement Plan (CORP) who terminate after completing five but before ten years of service. The salary on which the retirement benefit is based for members of EORP, PSPRS and CORP is changed to the highest average salary during a five-year period (currently, during a three-year period). Many changes are retroactive to July 1, 2011, and thus are effective for new hires as of that date.	Passed by House Employment and Regulatory Affairs
<u>SB 1307</u>	PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; POLITICAL SIGNS (ALLEN)	For a period beginning 60 days before a primary election and ending 15 days following the general election, governmental jurisdictions cannot remove, alter or cover a political sign placed in a public right-of-way owned or controlled by the jurisdiction, unless the sign is placed in a location that is hazardous to public safety, obstructs clear vision in the area, interferes with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, or is larger than 16 square feet.	Passed by Senate Judiciary, Rules

SB 1490	FOOD SERVICE WORKERS; AUTHORIZED PRESENCE (GOULD)	Counties are prohibited from issuing a food service worker card to an individual who does not provide documentation of citizenship or alien status.	Passed by Senate Rules, on Senate Consent Calendar
SB 1278	COUNTY ASSESORS; PERMANENT RETRIEVAL FUND (ALLEN)	Eliminates the termination date of December 31, 2011, for the county assessor's property information storage and retrieval conversion and maintenance fund. Counties with less than 750,000 persons are authorized to establish the fund (increased from counties with less than 500,000 persons).	Retained on Senate COW Calendar

CSA Legislative Agenda

HB 2197	CHARTER SCHOOLS; AGE RESTRICTED COMMUNITIES (Lesko)	The statute governing the placement of charter schools is amended to prohibit a charter school from being located in a age restricted community in an unorganized territory. Emergency clause.	Assigned to Senate Education
HB 2231	PUBLIC DEFENDERS; PROBATE COURT; REIMBURSEMENT (Goodale)	If a court appoints a public defender, investigator, physician, psychologist or nurse to provide services for an incapacitated person who dies, the county is authorized to make a charge for reasonable compensation against the estate of the deceased. Reimbursed monies are to be deposited in the same fund from which the expenditure was made.	Held by Sponsor
HB 2372	CONSERVATORSHIPS; GUARDIANSHIPS; COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT (Ash)	If a county pays for specified services for conservatorships or guardianships from the county general fund, the county is authorized to charge the estate for reasonable compensation.	Passed by House Banking and Insurance, Rules
HB 2236	POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; SHARING REVENUE INFORMATION (Goodale)	The Dept of Revenue's liability setoff program can be used to satisfy taxpayer debts to political subdivisions. The department is authorized to provide information on an individual's reported income to a county, municipality, or state agency for the purpose of determining eligibility for a program or benefit.	Passed by House Ways and Means, Caucus and Rules
HB 2285	INMATE CREDIT; IMPRISONMENT; FINE REDUCTION (McLain)	A person imprisoned for nonpayment of a fine may receive credit toward payment of up to \$60, increased from \$10, for each day of imprisonment.	Assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety
HB 2318	TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES; REGIONAL & PUBLIC	Community college districts and Indian nations may become members of intergovernmental public transportation authorities. Modifies the definition of county for the purposes of regional transportation authorities to eliminate	Passed by House Transportation

	(Jones)	language requiring a minimum population of 200,000 persons.	
HB 2319	COUNTIES; PRIMITIVE ROADS; MAINTENANCE (Jones)	County boards of supervisors may spend public monies for maintenance of public roads and streets that have been designated as primitive roads (defined elsewhere in statute). Effective October 1, 2011.	Passed by House Transportation
SB 1174	CHARTER SCHOOLS; AGE RESTRICTED COMMUNITIES (Crandall)	Charter schools cannot be established or operated in an age restricted community located in unorganized territory. Emergency clause.	Passed by Senate Education, Rules, Caucus
SB 1186	2011 TAX CORRECTION ACT (Yarbrough)	Clarifies that confidential information relating to any tax collected by the Department of Revenue (DOR) on behalf of a county may be shared with that county.	Passed by House Ways and Means
SB 1278	COUNTY ASSESSOR; PERMANENT RETRIEVAL FUND (Allen)	Eliminates the termination date of December 31, 2011, for the county assessor's property information storage and retrieval conversion and maintenance fund. Counties with less than 750,000 persons are authorized to establish the fund (increased from counties with less than 500,000 persons).	Passed by Senate Finance, Rules, Caucus
SB 1362	FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURES (Antenori)	In a county with a population of less than 3 million persons (all but Maricopa), county flood control districts are authorized to construct, maintain and operate bridges over watercourses that are impassable to emergency vehicle traffic for 14 or more days per year.	Passed by Senate Water, Land Use and Rural Development, Caucus, Rules
SB 1427	FLOOD CONTROL DIST; CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (Nelson)	In counties with a population of 250,000 or less, regular county employees are authorized to undertake construction projects with an estimated cost of up to \$250,000.	Referred to Senate Water, Land Use and Rural Development
SB 1428	COUNTIES; EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTORS; BIDS (Nelson)	In counties with a population of 250,000 or less, regular county employees are authorized to construct certain public works without advertising for bids, if the total cost of the work does not exceed \$250,000 in FY2011-2012, adjusted annually each FY by the change in the GDP price deflator.	Referred to Senate Government Reform